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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
March 14, 2006**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Notbohm and Weber; Mike Gilles, *Animal Control*; Rod Meyers, *Animal Control*; Don Lucia, Robert McKay, Stephanie Slocum, *Targe Development*; Harold Stepper and Mike Hoffman, *Jefferson County Planners Office*; Megan Bullock, *County Sanitarian*; Buster Bullock; Matt Johnson, *County Attorney*

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 3/15 Meeting with Great West Engineering - 10:00
Meeting with the Bank Advisory Board - 12:00
- 3/16 Meeting with the Dillon YMCA and Gold West Country - Dillon- 11:00
Meeting with Headwaters DNRC - 2:00
Meeting with Solid Waste - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/17 Meeting with the Metal Mines Grant Committee - Whitehall - 9:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

CITY OF HELENA

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that on the previous Thursday he, Commissioners Weber and Notbohm and County Planner Harold Stepper had met with Helena City Manager, Tim Burton, in regards to the city of Helena steadily reaching our county line on the west side of I-15. And the impact of the City of Helena's sewer system being so close. Many Jefferson County residents do not wish to be a part of Helena. Helena City Manager stated that it is not Helena's intention to build an empire. Jefferson County Commissioners will be keeping a close eye on the development on the west side of the interstate and also the east as it is only a matter of time before that begins to develop as well. Commissioner Notbohm asked if there was any way to get around not allowing people to be hooked up to the Helena sewer system so they are not annexed into Helena down the road. This is a question the all the commissioners will stay on top of.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Commissioner Lythgoe commented on the public hearing held last Wednesday in the Montana City School in reference to the county infrastructure study. Planning will continue in regards to

all the needs that must be met with the continued growth of the county.

TRI-COUNTY FIRE WORKING GROUP

Commissioner Lythgoe advised that Broadwater, Lewis and Clark and Jefferson are working closely together to identify urban interface programs such as defensible space around homes and needs that need to be met both on the private and commercial fronts.

MDT

Commissioner Lythgoe and Notbohm attended a meeting with MDT staff and it was decided that the secondary road leading from Montana City to Helena, running along side of I-15 shall be named Colonial Drive. The Commissioners understand that this will require some residents to change their address, however for emergency response purposes it makes more sense.

MIKE WAITE

All three of the commissioners met with Mike Waite from Denny Rehburger's office. They discussed freely with him about county road issues, existing and new mines in Jefferson County and regulations in regards to the harvesting of local timber. Commissioners advise that they will take a high profile position on all of these matters.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

HIGHLANDER PARK MAJOR SUBDIVISION

Jefferson County Planner, Harold Stepper, addressed the board stating that all of the requests in the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for the Highlander Park Major Subdivision had been accepted and were currently being addressed by Targe Development, LLC.

The construction of the roads in the development will be completed by the end of the week. All roads having been constructed to Jefferson County Road Standards.

All rural addresses have been obtained through the Jefferson County Rural Address Program. And road names have been approved with the Jefferson County Coordinator. Signs for the roads have been ordered, however they will not be placed until the roads are completed so they are not damaged during the final construction. All mail boxes will also be put into place at the end of the construction of the road.

An entry to the subdivision was constructed to identify the Subdivision to the general public.

Harold Stepper advised that there was also a well in place at this time.

Harold Stepper advised the board that he was in favor of accepting an irrevokable letter of credit from the Developer to ensure they meet all of the Conditions of Approval. Harold stated that the Developer has been very good about complying with all of the counties requests.

Don Lucia with Targe Development, LLC, addressed the board and offered to answer any questions that the Commissioners may have. All questions the board had in regards to the development had been answered by Harold Stepper during his presentation.

Commissioner Weber moved that the board enter into the Highlander Park Major Subdivision Improvements Agreement contingent that a cash bond is supplied until an irrevokable Letter of Credit from an accredited lending institution in the amount of \$638,688.00 is in place. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved that the board approve the Final Plat Approval for the Highlander Park Major Subdivision. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

REVISED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

County Sanitarian Megan Bullock addressed the board with regards to the requested changes in Ordinance No. 2006-01. The amended document was handed out to the board and Megan proceeded to point out the changes made.

Megan stated that she had called other counties in regards to their animal control ordinances and she feels that our county is going in the right direction. She also feels that Jefferson County is not to harsh with the fines for animal control violations. She stated that there needs to be an incentive for people to not want to violate the order. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-01, Animal Control. Commissioner Notbohm seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BRIDGE EVALUATION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Commissioner Lythgoe read Resolution 08-2006 the Bridge Evaluation and Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Weber moved to adopt 08-2006. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. Motion carried.

LOCAL VEHICLE TAX ON JUNE BALLOT

Commissioner Weber read for the board Resolution 09-2006, a Resolution to put a local vehicle tax on the June ballot. Commissioner Notbohm moved that 09-2006 be added to the June ballot. Commissioner Weber seconded. Motion carried.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BRIDGE STANDARDS

Commissioner Weber moved that the board adopt the new Jefferson County Bridge Standards, prepared by Great West Engineering. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. Motion carried.

VIDEO TECHNOLOGY FOR THE COURTROOM AND JAIL

Matt Johnson with the County Attorney's office addressed the board to advocate for the courtroom and jail video technology. He stated that it would cut costs in the long run for the county. Prisoners could still appear in front of the judge without our officers having to go and transport them to and from places such as Warm Springs and Montana State Prison. High risk prisoners could also stay inside the jail for their court appearance as opposed to walking them across the street taking the risk that something could go wrong. When prisoners are brought into court the Sheriffs office often times has to have as many as 5 Deputies on duty in the courtroom.

This takes them off of the streets where they could be patrolling. Matt also stated that it would help to lessen the amount of cases that are having to be stacked every Wednesday. For example a prisoner could go in front of the video and see the judge while he is in Virginia City instead of having to wait until the next District Court date.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked Matt Johnson about video for Justice Court. Matt stated that it would be mobile and could be used in the Courthouse courtroom or could be taken to the Justice Court and that way Judge Giulio would not have to leave his own courtroom.

Commissioner Lythgoe then asked if the equipment was still being donated to the courtroom. Matt Johnson advised that yes it is still being donated. However the Sheriffs Office would need to purchase the equipment for the jail.

Commissioner Notbohm asked if the video equipment would provide the county with any other uses. Matt Johnson stated that it could be used for certain training. This would also save the county money as traveling costs could be cut if personnel could stay in the county to take certain courses that are offered with this technology. He also stated that other agencies could use this technology and Jefferson County would be able to assess a monetary fee.

The cost to the county for the purchase of the video equipment would come to \$9,650.72. Matt Johnson agreed to finance \$1,779.00 towards the purchase of the equipment from his departments budget. Commissioner Lythgoe moved that the county purchase the video technology for the Sheriffs Department and Justice Court in the amount of \$9,650.72 using PILT, commit to the \$725.20 charge per month, to take Matt Johnson's installation toward the purchase of equipment with the understanding of installation and training and to accept the free unit from the Department of Justice for the courtroom. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion. Commissioner Notbohm asked if the Sheriffs Office or the Justice Court had any money in their budget that they could contribute toward the purchase of this equipment. Commissioners Lythgoe and Weber were unsure of whether or not the budgets in those departments had the funds available to contribute. Matt Johnson stated that he also could not speak for those departments. Motion carried.

Commissioner Notbohm moved that a side motion be entered that both the Sheriffs Office and Justice Court check their budgets to see if they could match Matt Johnson's \$1,779.00 contribution towards the purchase. He also stated that this was not a deal breaker but it would not be fair to the County Attorney's office if the other departments did not see if they could help with the purchase of equipment. Commissioner Weber seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Weber seconded.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

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CLERK AND RECORDER

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